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### BINGO RULES SLIGHTLY BEHIND SCHEDULE

The hearing held on March 17, 2003, to cover the final draft of the bingo rules, had no opposition to the proposed rules. The Notice of Final Rulemaking was submitted to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council. (GRRC) on July 3, 2003. Another hearing

is scheduled by GRRC for September 9, 2003. If there is no opposition at this hearing, the rules will become effective September 23, 2003. The Department will post the rules on our website where you can download them. Hard copies will available at a later date.

### **APPLICATION OF PENALTIES**

In recent months there have been several questions regarding our policy on the application of penalties. Our policy is consistent with the procedures used to assess penalties by other tax types within the Department of Revenue. We will not abate a penalty solely on a verbal request. There must be extraordinary circumstances leading up to the penalty that is beyond your control. Late penalties are based on the postal date or post mark, no

exceptions. Any report due on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month that is post marked the 21<sup>st</sup>, is late. A penalty of 5% of the tax due will be assessed. If it isn't paid by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the following month, another 5% will be added. This continues each month until the total penalty assessment reaches 25%. Also while this is occurring, interest is accruing. Failure to pay the tax due and or any penalties assessed may result in the revocation of vour license.

### TWO PERSONS, THREE WINNING CARDS

We recently received an inquiry questioning an article printed in the Bingo Bugle. A person from Warren, Michigan wrote in and asked if it was right to split a prize

in half if there were two players announcing bingo with one of the players having a bingo on two separate cards. Splitting the

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#### Two Persons, Three Winning Cards

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pot equally between individuals may be legal in Michigan, but NOT in Arizona. Arizona bingo laws grant a prize for a winning pattern on a card, not on a winning individual. The person with two cards having a valid bingo on each card is entitled to two-thirds of the total prize amount, not half.

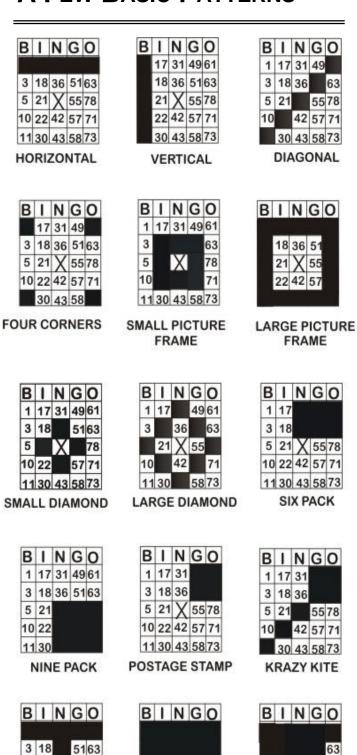
### ANNOUNCING "BINGO" ON THE LAST NUMBER CALLED

The most common complaint we receive is why a licensee awarded a prize to someone who didn't bingo on the last number called.

For example: Player A needs a "B-1" to bingo. The caller calls "B-1"; however, Player A is inattentive or distracted and fails to notice the bingo. The Caller, having allowed a reasonable length of time for a player to announce "Bingo", calls the next number: "B-2". Player B announces "Bingo" on "B-2". Player A now notices the "Bingo" on "B-1" and also announces "Bingo". The licensee, trying to placate both parties, awards the prize to each player.

Under these circumstances, the licensee violated the law. Player A failed to announce "Bingo" in a timely manner. Unfortunately, Player A is out of luck and can not receive a prize. If you are confronted with this problem, show the player the rulebook, R15-7-209 states that: No player shall be declared a winner unless said player has accomplished a "Bingo" on the last immediate number called.

### **A FEW BASIC PATTERNS**



COVER ALL

30 43 58 73

TRIANGLE

5 21

10 22

LETTER "T"

55 78

57 71

## RALPH YOUNG ACCEPTS POSITION WITH GAMING

As most of you know by now, Ralph Young, our Phoenix investigator has taken another position with the Department of Gaming. This is good and bad. It's good for Ralph because he has an opportunity to expand on his law enforcement experience with gaming. It is bad for us, because we are losing a very knowledgeable and competent investigator. We all wish him well. We are currently interviewing several applicants to take Ralph's place later this summer.

### LEGAL AGE TO PLAY BINGO

During the past quarter we received several calls inquiring about the legal age to play bingo. HB 2131 passed in 2000, increased the minimum age for gambling from 18 to 21 years of age beginning June 1, 2003. The bill addressed parimutuel wagering, the lottery, and gambling on Indian reservations, but did not include bingo. We are in the process of seeking clarification from the legislature on whether their intent was to include bingo in the bill. The old rule will stand until we get clarification from the legislature sometime after the next legislative session in January. As soon as we get an answer everyone will be notified. Until then, we will continue to observe our rule of 18 years of age to play bingo.

### **KEEPING US INFORMED**

Please keep us informed of changes that affect your bingo license. Sometimes we have problems when we try to contact you. If you change your mailing address or if your Proceeds Coordinator, Manager, or Supervisors change their phone numbers, let us know. Also, tell us when you are canceling a bingo occasion. This includes those who cancel for an entire season. Check your bingo license. Does your license say you are not playing bingo on any specific dates nor does it say "As Notified"? If it says "As Notified," check your calendar, then drop us a note (with your license number on it) telling us the dates you will be canceling bingo. When you get your next renewal, you can specify dates for any proposed cancellation for the next year. We also need to know who your current officers are. There is a place to list your current officers on your renewal. If you elect officers during the licensing period, let us know who the new folks are. While you are checking your bingo license, review the list of bingo workers. If some of them no longer work your games, let us know and we'll take their name off your license.

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